

BIG GRAFT HEADS
FEAR CONFESSIONS

Maier and Duvalier, Held in
\$7,500 Bail Each on Attempt-
ed Bribery Charges, Ex-
pected to "Squeal."

VICE LEADERS IN MEETING

Keepers of Disreputable Resorts
Effect Closer Organization
—Mary Goode Dinner
Guest of Leader
in Society.

David Maier and Charles Duvalier, the two men arrested on Saturday night charged with attempting to bribe Charles Muller so as to influence his testimony before the grand jury, were held in bail of \$7,500 each yesterday by Magistrate Appleton in the West Side Police Court.

They will be arraigned this afternoon, and it was said last night that they might have a chance to gain immunity for themselves by going before the grand jury and revealing what they know of police graft on vice. Investigators believe they can give valuable information about disorderly house protection.

William Murphy, who appeared as counsel for the two men, said last night that he had heard in an indefinite way that Maier, before taking up his present work as the representative of a German glass company, had been connected with the disorderly house business, and it is believed that the two men can give valuable information to the grand jury if they see fit to take the opportunity to get immunity for themselves. Maier is now in business at No. 59 Church street.

Investigators who have been working either as the representatives of the private force set in motion by the Rockefeller fund, or as agents of the District Attorney's office, asserted last night that the more prominent disorderly house keepers in the neighborhood around and just north of Columbus Circle have been holding regular meetings three afternoons a week, between 1 and 4 o'clock, in the basement of a Broadway theatre building north of 42d street.

Underworld Leaders Meet.

Earlier in the day it was reported that Assistant District Attorney Groehl, who appeared as prosecutor of Maier and Duvalier, had told Magistrate Appleton that Maier's downtown office had been used as a meeting place for disorderly house keepers, but Mr. Groehl later denied this. The other investigators, whose work came to light partly as a result of the incorrect report of Groehl's statements in court, said that they had been working on leads furnished in part by Mrs. Goode and in part by another denizen of the underworld whose name has recently been even more prominently displayed than that of the confessing disorderly house keeper.

Before Mrs. Goode's disclosures were made public from the witness stand of the aldermanic committee these investigators had learned that the loosely constructed organization of disorderly house keepers of the uptown Tenderloin had been meeting in a building at the corner of 58th street and Seventh avenue. After Mrs. Goode's testimony was given at the public session of the aldermanic committee, however, the meeting place was changed to the basement room in the theatre building.

According to these investigators, the meetings of this upper Tenderloin crowd have been held three afternoons a week, between 1 and 4 o'clock. The organization is said to be a loose one, and not an agency for collecting protection money and turning it over in a lump, as was the "vice trust" of houses in 26th, 27th and 28th streets which was exposed in last summer's raids.

Loosely organized as it was, however, it is the belief of the investigators that Maier and Duvalier can give the authorities information about the protection money paid by the disorderly house keepers in this crowd to the po-

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DANDIEST FRENCHMAN
COMES TO OUR TOWN

M. de Fouquieres, Who Will Lecture Here,
Likes New York After a Night
at Quarantine.



COUNT ANDRE DE FOUQUIERES.

The best dressed man in Paris, who is here to lecture.

It was a nipping and an eager air that blew down the Bay yesterday from the north, and it held steadily against the French liner La Provence as she came up from Quarantine. There were cosy nooks within doors and there were sheltered places on deck where a man might talk for hours and not get chilled, but these were overlooked by Monsieur André de Fouquieres, the Beau Brummel of Paris and greatest of all French dandies.

Also on La Provence was one place, and only one, where the blast could concentrate itself, and, unfortunately for the early rising reporters, this room was selected by the Frenchman for the reading of his introduction—the introduction to his first lecture in America, which his manager, Miss Elisabeth Marbury, has pleased to call a color conference.

M. de Fouquieres is a dandy, but he is no fop. In the thirty-five years of his apparently frivolous career he has accomplished much, intellectually, and there was a ring of ambition in his voice yesterday as he delivered his speech in fair English, with a rapid, undulating accent. Whatever may be said of him, the young Frenchman is a good business man. He is going to lecture to Americans, and that intro-

duction is American from start to finish.

Those who, shivering, heard it yesterday on the deserted deck of La Provence felt at times the glow of national pride. Seldom has this town and country been boosted as it was in the address of the Frenchman, who will start the Marbury color conferences.

"This is a marvellous city I am coming to," he said, "I am sorry not to be able to express fully what I feel. The spirit of organization exists here. New York is the finishing touch of the world."

Sometimes the guests caught the enthusiasm, but the child did not abate the Frenchman's enthusiasm. Slowing up a bit that the idea might not be lost, M. Fouquieres read with deliberation and gesticulation: "America is the final part of the world. It is the destination of all truth seekers and educated travellers."

One scribe gasped as his numb fingers tried in vain to make notes, and the Frenchman asked kindly: "Too fast for you?"

Thereafter all particularly good passages were punctuated with this interrogation.

"The French student," he continued,

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CHEESE MARKET CORNERED

Trust Diminishes the Supply,
Says Wisconsin Expert.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Milwaukee, Dec. 22.—The cheese trust has cornered the larger part of this year's output, especially that of Wisconsin, says E. W. Clark, chief statistician of the cheese factories of the state and for twenty years secretary of the Fond du Lac board. He declares that the sales made in Wisconsin show the output to be 6,080,640 pounds short of that in 1910, and half as much less than the production of 1911.

Clark reports, however, an actual increase in the number of factories in the state and an undiminished production. The trusts, he asserts, have taken the cheese out of the market by purchases from the factories before it ever reached the sale boards.

IMMIGRANT HAD A FORTUNE

Replies to Officials' Query by
Producing \$49,800.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Baltimore, Dec. 22.—When asked by immigration officials here to-day to name the amounts of money he had on his person, Christian Schulze, of Russia, an immigrant of the steamer Barbarossa, from Bremen, drew from his pockets \$7,000 in cash, a check for \$2,800 and \$40,000 in securities. As he laid the banknotes and cash on the table the officers were astonished. Schulze said he was a farmer and was on his way to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frederic Koepfer, of Eureka, S. D., where he will settle. His wife and six children are with him.

ANTEDILUVIAN WHISKY
Made right—tastes right, and Antediluvian is right always. Loyties Bros., N. Y.
—Adv.

SUFFRAGETTES RAID MAIL

Black and Red Fluids Used to
Obliterate Addresses.

London, Dec. 22.—Militant suffragettes made an extensive raid to-night on the pillar letter boxes in London. They employed black and red fluids in an endeavor to obliterate the addresses on the heavy Christmas mail.

ALLAN A. RYAN VERY ILL

Father, Mother and Brother at
His Bedside.

Allan Arthur Ryan, the eldest son of Thomas Fortune Ryan, who was operated on for abdominal trouble in the General Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, is in a very serious condition in that institution, according to a bulletin issued last night by the doctors in attendance.

Mr. Ryan's condition became so grave during the late afternoon and the early part of the evening that members of his immediate family, including his father, mother and brother, Clendenning, and his wife, remained at his bedside.

The bulletin issued shortly before 10 o'clock was as follows:
Mr. Ryan's condition is very serious, but the doctors are hopeful of his recovery.

DR. CHARLES M. DOWD,
DR. W. GILMAN THOMPSON,
DR. GEORGE P. BIGGS.
When questioned relative to Mr. Ryan's illness the doctors refused to discuss the case, other than to say that Mr. Ryan arrived at the hospital on Tuesday and was examined by Dr. Dowd, who decided that an immediate operation was necessary to save Mr. Ryan's life. Drs. Thompson and Biggs were called in for consultation and assisted at the operation.

LOOPS BROADWAY
AND 5TH AVE. IN CAR

Harold O. Binney Makes Four
Laps in His Racing Auto
Pursued by Taxi-
cab Fleet.

GOES 60 MILES AN HOUR

Erratic Lawyer Picks Out an
Early Morning Hour for His
Latest Feat—He Is
Caught Only When
Engine Balks.

Harold O. Binney, a Rector street lawyer, whose dare-devil automobile driving has treated the people of half a dozen cities to visions of sudden death, gave sleepy Broadway and Fifth avenue a thrill in the early hours of yesterday morning when he transferred his imitation of the Vanderbilt Cup race to the bright light district and flashed through the streets at a mile-a-minute clip, pursued by a dozen taxicabs full of shouting policemen.

Only the stalling of Binney's engine prevented him from continuing his exhibition, and at the close of a stormy session in the Jefferson Market court he was released in \$100 bail.

The squad of policemen and taxi chauffeurs who helped round up the adventurous lawyer and get him to the West 30th street police station, where he was locked up on a charge of intoxication and reckless driving, were unanimous in their agreement that the latter charge was feeble and ridiculous when applied to what Binney did with his machine yesterday morning. Patrolman Hensler, who sighted the racer first and narrowly escaped with his life, said that sixty miles an hour around the hairpin turn at Broadway and Fifth avenue was a slow estimate for the kind of speed Binney exhibited.

Just Missed Policeman.

Hensler was standing on fixed post at Broadway and 42d street about 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning when the sudden crackling of a powerful automobile coming through Longacre Square arrested his attention. He looked around just in time to leap for his life toward the gutter as a racing car with a huddled figure at the wheel missed him by a scant foot. Before he had time to recover from the shock, he said, the tail lights of the car had disappeared down Broadway.

As Hensler began pacing up and down and airing his opinions of automobile drivers in general he heard an ominous sound in the direction of Fifth avenue, and in another moment the same car with the muffled driver came west through 42d street, took the turn into Broadway on two wheels, missed two taxicabs by inches and again disappeared to the south. The policeman waited for no instructions, but commandeered a taxicab and started in pursuit.

As Hensler and his chauffeur got under way the policeman shouted instructions to the other policemen he passed, and several jumped into taxicabs and followed him. By inquiring the way from patrolmen along the route the pursuing force learned that the racer had gone down Broadway and had crossed through 20th street toward Fifth avenue. On reaching that thoroughfare they learned that their quarry had gone north on the avenue, and the fleet of taxis put on all speed and made for the corner of 42d street.

Engine Finally Stalled.

They had scarcely reached 37th street when Binney, now on his fourth lap, flashed by them, took the corner without cutting down his speed and started west toward Sixth avenue. At the corner of the avenue, however, his engine went wrong, and when the policemen caught up to him Binney had backed his smoking car around and was trying to run it backward. Chauffeurs and police leaped out of their taxicabs and collared the driver.

The chauffeurs were so enthusiastic that the officers had to fight them off and rescue the prisoner. Binney apparently was not disturbed by the threats of the angry taxi operators, and was sitting back in the low seat of the racing car with a cane in one hand and a cigarette in the other.

Binney was put into one of the taxicabs and taken to the West 30th street station. There he made a scene, the police say, and declared that his arrest was an outrage. He demanded that he be released at once, but finding that there was small prospect of freedom he began calling up lawyers on the telephone. He failed to get one and was taken to a cell and locked up until the time for his removal to the Jefferson Market court.

Makes Scene in Court.

When arraigned he told Magistrate Butts that he had not had time to get a lawyer, and demanded an opportunity to telephone. He called Chief Magistrate McAdoo, but failed to get an answer. Hensler told his story, and said Binney had acted "queer" in the station house. The lawyer instantly launched forth into a protest against the treatment accorded him, and seemed specially disturbed because he had been compelled to come into court without a shave. He told the magistrate that he had phoned to James W. Osborne, DeLancey Nicol, George Gordon Battle and others, but had been unable to get into communication with any of them.

When the matter of bail was mentioned there was another outburst. Binney refused flatly to arrange for any bail, and would not sign the formal complaint in the complaint clerk's room. He later

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MISS GOULD MAY WED
WITHIN TWO WEEKS

Automobile Ride, Trip to Church and Walk
in Central Park Make Up of the Day
for Engaged Pair.



MISS HELEN M. GOULD AND HER FIANCE.

Mr. Finley J. Shepard, who arrived here on Friday, went to church yesterday with Miss Gould.

True to his word Saturday, Finley

J. Shepard, fiancé of Miss Helen Gould, got up early yesterday morning, arrayed himself in Sunday garb and walked down to No. 579 Fifth avenue, Miss Gould's home. After remaining inside for perhaps half an hour Mr. Shepard and Miss Gould entered one of the Gould automobiles and were driven to Miss Gould's church.

After leaving church Mr. Shepard and his fiancée were driven back to the Gould home and had luncheon with a party of friends. After this lapse in their activities the engaged couple walked down the steps of the house and strolled up Fifth avenue and into Central Park. Here they were soon lost in the many bypaths and quiet nooks, and did not again return to the house until late in the afternoon.

After supper with Miss Gould Mr. Shepard remained out of sight of the hawk-eyed reporters until about 10 o'clock, when he appeared on the stoop.

He started off at a brisk pace, heading north, and, entering his hotel, was whisked skyward in the elevator to his rooms.

From the fleeting glimpses that were to be had of the young Western railroad man he seemed to be in great good spirits. He announced himself pleased with the treatment he had received from the newspapers, but requested the reporters not to follow him too closely.

When Mr. Shepard's room was called on the telephone last night the future husband of Miss Gould said he had nothing of importance to say, beyond the fact that to-day he would report bright and early at the Broadway offices of the Missouri Pacific Railway. He will enter upon his new duties with a vim and a relish, he said, and will be glad to learn the different angles of his new place.

From various remarks dropped by friends of Mr. Shepard and Miss Gould.

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CHORUS GIRLS GET BIBLES

Chicago Theatre Has One in
Each Dressing Room.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Chicago, Dec. 22.—When the chorus girls and principals of "Frisolov Geradine" entered their dressing rooms at the Olympic Theatre to-day one of the first things they noticed on each of their dressing tables was a brand new Gideon Bible.

It is expected that Bibles will be placed in all dressing rooms of Chicago theatres.

DEAD IN FILM FIRE PANIC

Twelve Bodies Recovered After
Belgian Theatre Blaze.

Brussels, Dec. 22.—A film caught fire during a moving picture performance to-night in a theatre at Barreque, near Menin. The flames spread with great rapidity, causing a panic in which twelve persons were killed and twenty injured.

Many of the victims were women and children, who were trampled to death or hurt in the wild stampede to escape from the building.

CASTRO RIOTOUS IN PARIS

Demolished Crockery with Cane
in Cafe Quarrel.

Paris, Dec. 22.—"Le Matin" prints an amusing account of the adventures in Europe of Cipriano Castro, ex-president of Venezuela. When he arrived at Antwerp he found twenty detectives waiting for him. These dogged him, with varying luck, to Brussels, and thence to Paris.

The ex-President eluded the detectives several times with great astuteness. When he arrived in Paris he thought that he had managed to conceal his identity, but soon afterward he became involved in a quarrel in a cafe and demolished considerable crockery with his cane. The police were called in, and Castro's identity was disclosed.

Castro is aboard the steamer La Touraine, which sailed on Saturday for New York.

EARTHQUAKE IN SICILY

Violent Shocks at Messina and
Reggio di Calabria.

Turin, Dec. 22.—Two violent earthquakes occurred to-day at Messina and Reggio di Calabria, Sicily. The disturbance caused a panic, although there were no casualties.

The shocks lasted from eight to ten seconds. The first shock was so violent that the earth seemed to open.

PRISCILLA BREAKS

SHAFT IN SOUND

Fall River Liner Turns Back
and Passengers Take
Trains.

The starboard shaft of the steamer Priscilla, of the Fall River Line, broke last night when the steamer was in the Sound, bound for Newport with 500 passengers, two hours after leaving her pier.

The Priscilla returned to her Fulton street pier. The majority of the passengers left for Boston by way of a special train from the Grand Central Terminal. The others will leave to-day on the steamer Providence, of the Fall River Line. The Priscilla carried a large cargo.

WHITE XMAS PREDICTED

Snow and Colder Weather Out-
look for Holidays.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Snow and rain in the Northern States east of the Mississippi River and in the southwest are predicted by the Weather Bureau for Tuesday or Wednesday.

Another disturbance will appear in the Far West about Wednesday and move eastward, attended by snows in the Northern and Middle States and crossing the Eastern States Friday or Saturday. That disturbance will be followed by much colder weather over the greater part of the country.

ACCEPTABLE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
Case of Selected Wines, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.75.
H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 138 Fulton St., N. Y.
—Adv.

THRILLING RESCUES
AT FOUR FIRES

Sudden Epidemic of Conflagra-
tions in Manhattan and
Brooklyn Keeps Police
and Firemen Busy.

MANY NARROWLY ESCAPE

Marshal Brophy Will Investigate
Two Williamsburg Fires,
Which He Believes to
Have Been of In-
cendiary Origin.

Four fires in Manhattan and Brooklyn, for all of which alarms were turned in at 7:30 o'clock last night, resulted in narrow escapes for several scores of tenants, many rescues by police and firemen and a damage of \$50,000 to tenants and owners of buildings. A half dozen firemen were temporarily put out of commission by smoke and injuries and the complications at the Brooklyn fires, brought about by the sending in of a double alarm by two excited tenants, made it necessary for Deputy Chief Lally to send in four more alarms before he could get together sufficient apparatus to fight the succeeding fires, which followed the first in quick succession in the Williamsburg district.

Mrs. Bertha Johnson, whose apartment is on the top floor of the Stamford, a six story elevator apartment at Nos. 502 and 504 West 113th street, Manhattan, was working around a gas stove in her kitchen about 7:30 o'clock last night, when a lace curtain floated out over the flame and caught fire. She telephoned the elevator boy, who ran to Engine Company 47, next door. Meanwhile Mrs. Johnson ran to the fire escape and began to scream for help.

Patrolmen Michael Batto and John Buechler, of the West 125th street station, heard the cries and ran into the building. The elevator boy was still at the fire house, so the two officers boarded the elevator and ran it up to the apartment was locked, and when they answered that she couldn't get to it because the hallway was full of smoke. Batto and Buechler beat down the door with their nightsticks and entered.

Two Carried Out.

The policemen carried out Mrs. Johnson and a male lodger, whose name she would not give. The flames by this time had eaten up through the kitchen ceiling and had begun to appear through the roof when the firemen arrived. They turned in an alarm and began trying to get the lodgers out.

The elevator boy got on the scene with the engine company and telephoned all the apartments that the house was on fire. The majority of the tenants did not wait to ride down, but took the stairway as a means of exit. The firemen found a few minutes later that all of the twenty-two families in the building were out with the exception of Mrs. Alice Hall, who lived on the third floor with her daughter, Alberta, who is a paralytic. Both were carried out to the street.

Patients in the male ward at St. Luke's Hospital who saw the flames had to be quieted, and nurses and physicians went through the building reassuring them. Firemen John Cook and James Burke, of Engine Company 47, were overcome by smoke, but were revived later. John Kinsler, of the same company, was cut by a falling timber. Deputy Chief McCartney estimated the total damage to the building and furnishings at \$10,000.

At practically the same moment at which the alarm was turned in for the Manhattan fire the Brooklyn fire fighters were stirred to action by two excited tenants of a four story house at No. 29-Siegel street. Smoke coming from the cellar threw the occupants of the building into a panic and two active inmates of the house started out to send in an alarm. One ran to the corner of Johnson avenue and Lorimer street and pulled a box. The other sprinted to Broadway and Throop avenue and sent in the second alarm. The double alarm resulted in the bringing of a half dozen engines and four hook and ladder companies to put out the fire in the cellar.

Just as the firemen got into action fire started in a glove and corset store run by Isaac Eisberg in a three story frame building at No. 680 Broadway. The alarm that was turned in brought no apparatus, owing to the double alarm from Siegel street. Deputy Chief Langan sized up the situation and sent in a second, third, and finally a fourth alarm. Deputy Chief Lally, in charge of Brooklyn, then made his appearance with some apparatus, but by that time the wooden structure was all ablaze and was threatening nearby buildings.

Elevated Structure on Fire.

The flames soon set fire to the elevated station on Broadway, and spread in quick succession into the buildings at Nos. 676, 678 and 674 Broadway. With the arrival of some of the belated apparatus from the Siegel street blaze Chief Lally began to distribute his forces and work out a plan for checking the flames. He was interrupted, however, by the news that there was a big fire at No. 28 Humboldt street. An engine company was sent around to attend to it, and before the conflagration which they found raging in the cellar could be drowned out it worked through the walls into the building next door. After an hour's brisk work the men got this fire under control and returned to Broadway, where they